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SUBJ: LIBYAN DELEGATION VISITS TOGO

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1. A DELEGATION OF FOUR LIBYAN JOURNALISTS, LED BY EL NOUDDERI, COUNSELOR OF LIBYAN EMBASSY IN PARIS, VISITED TOGO JUNE 17-27, 1973. ACCORDING TOGO PRESSE, PURPOSE OF VISIT AS DESCRIBED BY EL NOUDDERI ON ARRIVAL WAS TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCE WITH AFRICAN BROTHERS AND MEET SOME TOGOLESE LEADERS TO DISCUSS COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND OTHER PROBLEMS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION IN TRIPOLI AND ADDIS ABABA. SUBSEQUENT ISSUES TOGO PRESSE REPORTED DELEGATION' S ACTIVITIES, NOTABLY AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA 20 JUNE AND RECEPTION BY JRPT (YOUTH WING OF UNIQUE POLITICAL PARTY) GRACED BY MINISTER YOUTH AND SPORTS, SEVERAL MEMBERS RPT POLITICAL BUREAU, AND HIGH OFFICIALS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION INCLUDING DIRECTOR GENERAL TOGO PRESSE WHO RECENTLY PUBLISHED SERIES OF ARTICLES ABOUT HIS SOJOURN IN LIBYA LAST MONTH. (REFTEL)

2. PRESIDENT EYADEMA RECEIVED EL NOUDDERI SECOND TIME, 25 JUNE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIOR LATTER' S DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI PRECEDING REST OF DELEGATION BY TWO DAYS. IN FINAL STATEMENT TO PRESS, EL NOUDDERI QUOTED AS SAYING THAT " ALL IS GOING WELL" WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON STATUS LIBYAN COOPERATION WITH TOGO.

3. COMMENT: NEWS COVERAGE REPORTED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE ARISING FROM VISIT. INTERVIEWS AND TOASTS CONFINED TO EULOGIES OF RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE, THE WELL BEING OF THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND AFRICAN UNITY. UNDOUBTEDLY MAIN PURPOSE VISIT WAS TO PROVIDE EL NOUDDERI OPPORTUNITY ASSESS GOT ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AND ITS RECEPTIVITY TO AID- INDUCED MODIFICATION OF POLICY WITH JOURNALISTS PROVIDING CONVENIENT EXCUSE. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND ASSISTANT HAVE THUS FAR DENIED ANY CONCERN ABOUT VISIT.
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